

Bishops Down Primary School News

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11th September 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 1

Welcome back after what has been a long and restful summer, I hope! Apologies for the amount of papers coming back to you this week, hopefully after the initial deluge we can reduce the weekly burden.

Learning Legends We are trying to emphasise the benefits of lifelong learning with our children and to encourage them to recognise what, how and when we learn. As a result, we have introduced weekly "Learning Legends" which will replace our Golden Book. Children will be looking at each other throughout the week and choosing two Learning Legends in their class. Particular learning, such as writing, photographs or models that the children have done will be displayed in the entrance hall, for all to admire, as they enter the school. Please feel free to come in and look if your child is chosen.

Turning Circle Thank you to everyone who has been making an effort not to park in the turning circle. However, there are one or two people who are still parking there. The turning circle is the area of road (Rydal Drive) right at the bottom of the school drive. Parking in this area jeopardises the safety of our children and is also illegal as it has a single yellow line. Please do not park or stop to drop off children in this area.

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November 2009 We have been invited by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells to send two representatives from the school to attend the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Tunbridge Wells, followed by refreshments in the Council Chamber after the service. If any parents are interested in taking their children, please contact the school office.

Moon Landings This week the whole school has taken the theme of the 'moon landings' as the basis of their learning. This has been very successful thanks to all the hard work of the staff and inspiration of the children who have shown amazing interest.

Diary Dates You will find diary dates attached with this letter. Should there be any changes we will let you know ASAP. Please note the new event, "Bring your grandparents to school day" when we welcome grandparents to come along to school with their grandchildren to take part in classes, assembly, enjoy coffee, a cake and a chat! If anyone has a grandparent with an exciting story to tell, who might be willing to talk to the children in assembly, please let me know. More details to follow.

Music, Drama and Singing You may be aware that we are trying hard to raise the profile of music, drama and singing in the school. As a result, we are offering free Steel Pan teaching in Years 5 and 6 and violin teaching in Year 4 on a weekly basis to the whole class. An extended range of instrumental lessons are available and we will be looking into the possibility of brass and woodwind instrument lessons. More clubs such as drama and ocarinas have been set up. The benefits of singing in improving children's confidence and self esteem are well known so we will continue our partnership with TWGGS in future projects like the one that Year 5 took part in last year. In addition, we are introducing choirs for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 on Friday afternoons. The result of all this will be further productions, concerts and musical contributions to assemblies. We have looked at what we currently offer and have made some changes this term. For example, Harvest festival will now be a low key assembly for children only, however there will now be a Key Stage 1 Christmas play and Key Stage 2 concert. In addition, there will be a new concert in the Spring. All of this has taken a lot of organisation and administration, so special thanks to Mrs Grannatt, Miss Runalls, Mrs Camburn and all the other parents and staff working so hard to make it work. If you have any other suggestions or ideas, please let us know.

Diary Dates 2009-10

Monday	14.9.09	3.30pm	Meet the Teacher Y1 & Y2
Wednesday	16.9.09	3.30pm	Meet the Teacher Y5 & Y6
Thursday	17.9.09	3.30pm	Meet the Teacher Y3 & Y4
Thursday	1.10.09	9.10am	Y2 Assembly for parents
Friday	2.10.09	9.00am	Parent Reps Forum
Thursday	8.10.09	9.10am	Harvest Festival Assembly (No audience)
Friday	9.10.09	9.00am – 11.30am	Bring Your Grandparents to School Day
Monday	12.10.09	6.30pm	Full Governors Meeting
Wednesday	14.10.09	9.00am	Travelling Book Fair until 21 st Oct.
Thursday	15.10.09	9.10am	Y3 Assembly for parents
Monday	19.10.09		Parents E-safety Week
Monday	19.10.09	2.30pm – 3.15pm	Sharing Learning
Tuesday	20.10.09	8.30am – 9.30am	Sharing Learning
Wednesday	21.10.09	1.00pm – 5.00pm	Y6 Parent Consultations
		3.30pm – 5.30pm	Y1 – Y5 Parent Consultations
Thursday	22.10.09	9.10am	Y1 Assembly for parents
		5.00pm – 7.00pm	Y6 Parent Consultations
		5.00pm – 8.00pm	Y1 – Y5 Parent Consultations
Friday	23.10.09		Term 1 Ends
Monday	2.11.09		Term 2 Starts for all children
Monday	9.11.09		Y5 British Museum
Thursday	12.11.09	9.10am	Y5 Assembly for parents
Friday	13.11.09	9.00am	Parent Reps Forum
Monday	16.11.09		Anti-bullying Week
Thursday	19.11.09	9.10am	Y4 Assembly for parents
Thursday	26.11.09	9.10am	Reception Assembly for parents
Monday	30.11.09	6.30pm	Full Governors Meeting
Wednesday	2.12.09		Y6 Imperial War Museum
Friday	4.12.09		Last date for Reception 2010 applications
Saturday	5.12.09		PSA Christmas Fair
Thursday	10.12.09	9.10am	Y6 Assembly for parents
Monday	14.12.09	2.00pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday	15.12.09	9.30am	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday	16.12.09	9.30am	KS2 Christmas Production
		2.00pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Thursday	17.12.09		Christmas Lunch
Friday	18.12.09		Term 2 Ends
Monday	4.1.10		<i>Inset Day – no children</i>
Tuesday	5.1.10		Term 3 starts for children
			Nursery closed for consultations
Wednesday	6.1.10		Nursery starts
Friday	12.2.10		Term 3 Ends
Monday	22.2.10		Term 4 starts for all children
Thursday	1.4.10		Term 4 Ends
Monday	19.4.10		<i>Inset Day – no children</i>
Tuesday	20.4.10		Term 5 starts
			Nursery closed for consultations
Wednesday	21.4.10		Nursery starts
Monday	3.5.10		Bank Holiday Monday
Friday	28.5.10		Term 5 Ends
Monday	7.6.10		<i>Inset Day – no children</i>
Tuesday	8.6.10		Term 6 starts for all children
Friday	23.7.10		Term 6 Ends

9th September 2009.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure many of you are aware schools have been advised to expect an increase in the number of cases of swine influenza infection now that the holidays are over and the weather is getting colder. Schools nationally have now been informed that they should remain open in these circumstances.

If you suspect your child is showing symptoms of swine flu (fever, cough, headache, muscle and joint pain, sore throat and runny nose and sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea) they should not come to school and you should contact your GP or the National Pandemic Flu Service on 0800 1513 100 or via the Directgov website.

If your child should show swine flu symptoms while they are at school you will be telephoned to collect them as soon as possible. So we would be grateful that you ensure your contact details are kept up to date with the office.

Please inform the school office if your child has been diagnosed with Swine Flu. Your child should not return to school for a minimum of 7 days and should only return if they are completely symptom free after this time.

We will be spending time with the children to increase their awareness of limiting the spread of any infection by good handwashing techniques and using tissues effectively when coughing and sneezing.

Further information about Swine Flu can be obtained from the National Pandemic Flu Service website www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

Helen Lawton
School Nurse, RGN, MSC.



Tunbridge Wells Parent Forum

Transition

From Pre-school to Primary School,
from Primary to Secondary School,
from Secondary School to the world beyond...

**How can parents/carers support their children?
Which services are available to help?**

**Refreshments will
be provided.**

**Please let us know if
you are able to attend.**

For more information contact
the Parent Forum Team at
Partnership with Parents on
01622 350640 or email
parentforums@kent.gov.uk



*parents include all those adults with
parental responsibility



Christ Church

(Crabb Hall)

**High Street, Tunbridge Wells,
TN1 1UT**

Wednesday 23 September 2009

10:00am – 12:00noon

Tea and coffee at 9:45am

All Parents* Welcome.



REPLY (Tunbridge Wells Parent Forum September 2009)

PARENT/CARER

NAME: _____

CONTACT TEL: _____

EMAIL: _____

To: Partnership with Parents, Shepway Centre
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